

Consideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks:

REMARKS

Page 1 has been amended to provide a cross reference to the parent application.

The specification has been amended to more accurately describe the ratio of ceria to lanthanide oxides other than ceria which can be present in the composition of this invention. At page 7, lines 5-9, the ratio of ceria to lanthanide oxides other than ceria present in the composition of this invention was originally set forth as 1:4 to 4:1 by weight, preferably 1:2 to 2:1. These specific numerical ratios were inconsistent when considered in light of the previous description of the amounts of ceria and lanthanide oxides other than ceria which could be incorporated into the acidic oxide support and the instant examples. The Examiner is kindly invited to page 6, lines 23-29 of the instant specification, where it is stated that the amount of ceria can be present in amounts of up to about 25 parts by weight cerium oxide per 100 parts of the acidic oxide support material. In the following passage beginning at page 6, line 30, continuing through page 7, line 4, it is stated that the lanthanide oxide other than ceria can be present in amounts of at least about 0.05 parts by weight of oxide per 100 parts by weight of the acidic oxide support material. Accordingly, these two passages allow the relative amount of ceria to lanthanide oxides other than ceria to be as high as 500:1, determined by taking the largest amount of cerium oxide of 25 parts by weight to 100 parts by weight of the acidic oxide material, divided by the lowest amount of lanthanide oxide other than ceria which can be present equal to 0.05 parts by weight of oxide per 100 parts by weight of acidic oxide support material. The specification has further been amended at page 7 to state that the ratio of ceria to lanthanide oxides other than ceria can range from about 1.66:1 to 5:1 by weight. This range is expressly set forth in the examples in the

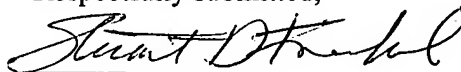
specification in which the lowest ratio of 1.66:1 is set forth in Example 2 and wherein the ratio of 5:1 is set forth in Examples 1 and 3.

Claims 1 and 17 have been amended to state that the NO_x removal composition consists essentially of components (i), (ii), (iii), and, optionally, (iv), and to incorporate the weight ratio of (ii) to (iii) as now set forth in the specification and in the original examples. The amendments to claims 13, 14, and 19 correct minor grammatical errors.

Examination on the merits of this application is respectfully requested.

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